

From The Pastor

Super Sunday

Yes, today is a big day in the world of sports. It is Superbowl Sunday. Yes, Tuesday is a big day in the world of politics. There are more than twenty primary elections throughout the country on "Super Tuesday." The "fourth Sunday in ordinary time" seems to wither in insignificance – until we hear the Gospel! In the Beatitudes we hear Jesus speak to the heart of all worlds: our inner life, our social life, our political life. The blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, who are merciful and who are peace-makers.

As I write this, my hope is that on this weekend, before we are voting in Ohio and while we are, in a sense, still spectators in the voting process, we can consider our responsibility to take an active part in the political life of our country. We are to be good citizens. Part of being a good citizen is voting. That being said, our first call is to be faithful disciples. Faithful citizenship and faith discipleship – is that not enough to get us talking and thinking? We are not first a Republican or a Democrat. We are Catholics, first and foremost. The teachings of our faith, not the platforms of our political party, are to form our consciences.

In today's bulletin you will find a summary of "Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship: A Call to Political Responsibility from the Bishops of the United States." For the seven weeks, there will be in this column a short summary of each of the seven key themes in Catholic Social Teaching.

Over the years our Catholic Church has held strong in its opposition to abortion and its promotion of the dignity of all human life, from conception to natural death. It was our Pope who sent his delegate, the Papal Nuncio, to our President to urge him not to begin war with Iraq. The teachings of our Church are a challenge to both of our political parties.

PREP Family Days

Almost by accident I found myself in the church basement for the PREP Family Day on Sunday, January 20. What a delightful find it was! "Taking Care of All of God's Gifts" was the theme. "Three year olds through second grade" was the age of the children. With them were mothers or fathers or both, with some siblings, too. Kathy Bitzer and the PREP teachers did a masterful job of keeping the little ones engaged in the teaching, while providing an opportunity for their parents to translate the message into situations of their adult lives. My camera and I were busy slipping in and taking family photos of the participants during transition periods, while the people at tables were moving into different activities or were moving toward the craft table to coat those pine cones with peanut butter and bird seed to take home to hang outside on a tree.

I have put on my calendar the dates and the themes of the next two gatherings: February 17 for Stations of the Cross with 3rd grade through 8th grade, and May 4 for Pentecost with Kindergarten through 8th grade. If not in church at the altar, I'll be with the group – for some more photos!

Father Rob Waller

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, February 4

No Mass today

Tuesday, February 5, St. Agatha

7:30 a.m. Rita Lerant (Marge Newberry)

Wednesday, February 6, Ash Wednesday

7:30 a.m. Special Intention for R.J. Vilardo (Holy Name Society)

11:30 a.m. Woodie Kammer (Bernie Mulligan)

7:30 p.m. Dennis Potter (Kathy Boland)

Thursday, February 7

7:30 a.m. "Liturgy of the Word with Communion"

Friday, February 8, St. Jerome Emiliani

7:30 a.m. Jeff Strait, Birthday Remembrance (Family)

Saturday, February 9

7:30 a.m. Michael McEvoy (Kenny & Beth Rapp)

5:15 p.m. Mary Kremer (Don & Lu Johnson)

Sunday, February 10, First Sunday of Lent

8:00 a.m. Merrill Curless (Allen & Marilyn Birkle)

9:30 a.m. Dorothy Stricker (Tom & Carolyn Strotzman)

11:00 a.m. People of St. Andrew Parish

SEM Villa

10:00 a.m. Betty Rae & Mom (Pat & Earl)

SEM Terrace

11:00 a.m. Charles Vuotto (Etta & Jim Durkin)

Vocation Views

Seek to follow Jesus, the humble servant. You will be blessed! Discover the grace of the gospel. (Zephaniah 2:3, 3:12-13 & Matthew 5:1-12)



PLEASE PRAY FOR all the sick of our parish, our shut-ins, nursing home residents, recent hospitalized parishioners and hospitalized.

University: Mike Martinelli

Please pray for the deceased members of our parish, especially Richard Miller; through the mercy of God, may they rest in peace.

From the St. Andrew Connection

Hospitality is the "cordial and generous reception of...strangers" according to the dictionary, and it is fundamental to who we are as Christians. Seek out a stranger next Sunday and practice hospitality.

"Little Black Book"

The parish is again offering the Little Black Book to assist you in praying through the Lenten season. The book will be available at all church doors this weekend. The six-minute meditations are a wonderful way to enrich our spiritual lives amid the busyness of the coming season. Be sure to get one!

HELP NEEDED

The Worship Commission is looking for talented people to help with the production of an instructional DVD on the Liturgy of the Eucharist. If you are talented with scripting, choreographing, project managing and have the time to serve on a video sub-committee, please contact Deacon Tim, 831-3353 or e-mail: deacontim@fuse.net

SASEAS School Grand Event

SASEAS School students are selling raffle tickets after Masses on February 2 & 3 and February 9 & 10 for this year's PTO Grand Event, "An Evening in Caribbean Paradise". The grand prize is four nights at the Frenchman's Reef & Morning Star Marriott Beach Resort in the Caribbean and includes first-class airfare. Tickets are 3 for \$25. All proceeds will be used for programs and activities at SASEAS School. Contact Angie Voss, 576-0277 with questions.

The Family Caegiver Group

If you are responsible for the care of an elderly relative or friend, please join us at an informational support group meeting in the Church Hall on Tuesday, February 5th from 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Introduction to Scripture

A 2-part beginner's course in Scripture will be offered on Feb. 5 and Feb. 12 in the Meeting Room of the Parish Center. The Catholic understanding of divine revelation and inspiration, the basics of modern scriptural study and its resources will be covered, as well as the use of Scripture in personal and communal prayer. The sessions will be from 6:30 pm– 9:15 pm and is approved by the Archdiocese as a learning module for catechist certification. All are welcome. Please call the parish office so we can determine the amount of materials needed.

Bingo Workers: Team #5 for February 5

Bowling, Heuker, Hofmann, Hogue, Julius, Keri, Kinney, Richards, Sager, Tenhundfeld & Watford

Bingo Caller: Frank Veneziano

Seniors February Luncheon

will be at Bob Evans on St. Rt. 28, Tuesday, February 19th at 12 noon. For reservations or transportation, please call Metchy Hance, 831-5383, Bernie Mulligan, 831-7278 or the Parish Office

**St. Andrew-St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School
Open Registration K-8th grade
for 2008-2009 School Year**

Registration for **new** families Kindergarten through 8th grade wishing their child(ren) to attend SASEAS School for the **2008-2009** School year will be held on February 21 and February 22 from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm at the Seton Campus. More information on the flyer in today's bulletin.

Parish Support January 27, 2008

Sunday Envelope Collection (425 of 845).....\$10,578.90
Sunday Loose Collection.....\$700.05
Dimes Collection.....\$4.00

"HAVE THE PEOPLE RECLINE"

ELECTRONIC FUND TRANSFER – 37 families, for a total of \$4,594, are using EFT each month. If you are interested in doing so, please contact Shirley in the Parish Office, or you can download the form from our website, www.standrew-milford.org.

WEBSITE – Don't forget to check our website for updates. Keep a lookout for our new look. Many, many thanks to Michelle Hendrickson for her administration of our website for the last several years. She did an outstanding job and now wishes to pursue other activities. Thanks, also, to Joe Schweickart for "volunteering" to be our new administrator. If you have parish information you wish to post, please contact Shirley in the Parish Office, 831-3353. We are especially looking for current photos of all ministries to post online.

Thank you for the honorarium that we have received from the following

In honor of Barb and Ed Schreiber's 50th anniversary to SASEAS Alumni Scholarship Fund
Eric's Beauty Salon, Judy Johnson

In loving memory of my departed wife Veda (birth date January 13th) and son Gregory (birth date January 12th)
for the Capital Improvements Fund
Ted Ringwald

Gather Books

It seems that we are missing some green Gather books in the church pews. If you borrowed one, could you please bring it back. Thank you for your help!!

Thank You to the Sponsor of the Week
HC Design Group, Ltd.

Answer The Call 2008

A Catholic Men's Conference on Saturday, March 1, at Music Hall. Prayerful, spirit-filled, life changing! The day begins at 8:30 am and ending around 4:00 pm, following Mass with our local Bishops and Priests con-celebrating. UC Head Football Coach, Brian Kelly, is one of the speakers. For more details pick up a brochure, in the vestibule or contact the parish office. Cost is \$40

Salt Shaker

INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK (IHN) Fundraiser

On Wed. Feb. 13, from 6-10 pm, have dinner at Kona Bistro, 3012 Madison Rd., Oakley Square. Bar tips and a portion of server tips will benefit IHN. This is a ministry to the homeless that St. Andrew/Seton parishes, through SALT, is supporting. Families who are temporarily homeless receive shelter, food, and lots of love at the host church and from us, a support congregation. As such, we join other Catholic congregations in the diocese in a hands-on work of justice. Remember IHN.

Scout Sunday

is historically held the first Sunday of February each year to celebrate God's presence in scouting. **St. Andrew would like to recognize the presence of scouting within the church and the enrichment of faith the church instills within each young men and women.** Congratulations to the scouts who have completed the "Light of Christ" award (Cub Scouts) Nicholas Cunningham, John Blang, Ryan Devolve, Kevin Pollard, Peter Kroeger, Christopher Kiser and Andy Pollard. The **Ad Altare Dei** (Boy Scout) award was presented to Matthew Dombrowski. Congratulation to all the scouts for their hard work in the pursuit of a greater understanding of God.

Ladies Sodality News

Our February meeting will be Monday, February 25th beginning at 6:30 pm in the Church Hall. Look for details in upcoming bulletins. Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 3rd – Our Annual Flea Market and Plant Sale

Our Lady of Lourdes

This year marks the 150th anniversary of the apparition of our Blessed Mother to St. Bernadette at Lourdes, France. From Dec 8, 2007 to Dec 8, 2008 the Holy Father has granted a plenary indulgence to all who visit the Grotto of Massabielle in France. The Holy Father also has granted the plenary indulgence to all the faithful if between February 2-11, 2008 they devoutly "visit a blessed image of Our Lady of Lourdes in any church, chapel, grotto, or other suitable place in which it is solemnly displayed. Archbishop Pilarczyk has dedicated Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Cincinnati as the Shrine for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. The following is the schedule of services, including extra Masses and confessions, for those who wish to take this opportunity for this special grace.

February 4, 5, & 8: Mass at 8:30 a.m. and Noon with Confessions following the Noon Mass

February 7: Mass at 6:15, 8:30 a.m. & noon with confessions.

February 6: Ash Wednesday, Mass at 6:15, 8:30 a.m. and Noon with Confessions following the Noon Mass, and Mass at 7:00 p.m.

February 9: Mass at 8:30 a.m. Confessions from 2-3:30 p.m. The 4:00 evening Mass will celebrate the Sacrament of the Sick.

February 10: The usual Sunday Mass Schedule: 7:00, 8:30, 10:00 & 11:30 a.m.

February 11: Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, Mass at 8:30 a.m. and Noon with Confessions following the noon Mass.

Congratulations

to the following students from Covington Latin School who received honors the second quarter of the 2007-08 school year

Second Honors: Rafael Ortiz & Tomas Ortiz

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, February 4

6:30 pm Alumni Meeting Church Hall
6:30 pm Ladies Sodality Board Meeting Parish Office
7:00 pm St. Vincent de Paul Meeting Parish Office,
Room #1
7:00 pm SASEAS Booster Meeting Meeting Room,
Parish Center
7:30 pm Musicians Practice Church

Tuesday, February 5

6:30 pm "Introduction to Scripture" Meeting Room,
Parish Center
7:00 pm Caregivers Meeting
Church Hall
7:00 pm Christ Renews His Parish/Men's Team #4 Andrew's
House
7:00 pm BINGO (Team #5) Parish
Center

Wednesday, February 6

ASH WEDNESDAY

MASSES: 7:30 AM, 11:30 AM & 7:30 PM

10:00 am Wednesday Bible Study Meeting Room,
Parish Center
10:00 am Quilters
Church Hall
7:00 pm Toastmasters Meeting Room, Parish
Center
7:00 pm Christ Renews His Parish/Women's Team #3
Andrew's House

Thursday, February 7

7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous Parish Office,
Room #1
7:00 pm Stewardship Committee
Parish Office
7:00 pm Choir Practice Church

Friday, February 8

7:00 pm Way of the Cross and Benediction

Saturday, February 9

8:00 am Christ Renews His Parish Team #1/SAM
Andrew's House
8:00 am Girls Volleyball Games Parish Center

Sunday, February 10

9:30 am PREP Classes (kn-8th grade) & 11:00 am preschoolers
9:30 am Faith Gathering – "Called to the Gathering – The Gift"
11:00 am RCIA
Church Hall
2:00 pm Boys Basketball Games Parish Center
7:00 pm SMILE Youth Meeting
Church Hall



Lent begins this week
Wednesday February 6th

Mass Times are 7:30 am, 11:30 am and 7:30 pm